

CHAPTER 136B  
RADON TESTING

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**136B.1 Radon testing and abatement program.**

1. As used in [this chapter](#), unless the context otherwise requires, “*department*” means the Iowa department of public health.

2. The department shall establish programs and adopt rules for the certification of persons who test for the presence of radon gas and radon progeny in buildings, the credentialing of persons abating the level of radon in buildings, and standards for radon abatement systems.

3. Following the establishment of the certification and credentialing programs by the department, a person who is not certified, as appropriate, shall not test for the presence of radon gas and radon progeny, and a person who is not credentialed, as required, shall not perform abatement measures. [This section](#) does not apply to a person performing the testing or abatement on a building which the person owns, or to a person performing testing or abatement without compensation.

4. For the purposes of [this section](#), radon abatement systems shall be classified as mechanical ventilation systems.

[88 Acts, ch 1237, §1; 89 Acts, ch 224, §1; 2004 Acts, ch 1168, §4](#)

Referred to in [§136B.2](#), [136B.3](#), [136B.4](#), [280.32](#)

**136B.2 Radon testing information — disclosure.**

1. a. A person certified or credentialed pursuant to [section 136B.1](#) shall, within thirty days of the provision of any radon testing services or abatement measures or at the request of the department prior to testing or abatement, disclose to the department the address or location of the building, the name of the owner of the building where the services or measures were or will be provided, and the results of any tests or abatement measures performed.

b. A person shall not disclose to any other person, except to the department, the results of a test or the address or the name of the owner of a nonpublic building that the person tested for the presence of radon gas and radon progeny, unless the owner of the building waives, in writing, this right of confidentiality. However, a person certified or credentialed pursuant to [section 136B.1](#) may disclose the results of a test performed by the person for the presence of radon and radon progeny to a potential buyer of a nonpublic building when an offer to purchase has been presented by the buyer and if the potential buyer paid for the testing. Any test results disclosed shall be results of a test performed within the five years prior to the date of the disclosure.

2. a. Notwithstanding the requirements of [this section](#), disclosure to any person of the results of a test performed on a nonpublic building for the presence of radon gas and radon progeny is not required if the results do not exceed the currently established United States environmental protection agency action guidelines, except as required during a real estate transaction pursuant to [section 558A.4, subsection 2](#).

b. A person who tests a nonpublic building which the person owns is not required to disclose to any person the results of a test for the presence of radon gas or progeny if the test is performed by the person who owns the nonpublic building, except as required during a real estate transaction pursuant to [section 558A.4, subsection 2](#).

[88 Acts, ch 1237, §2; 89 Acts, ch 224, §2; 2009 Acts, ch 41, §48; 2015 Acts, ch 20, §1, 2](#)

**136B.3 Testing and reporting of radon level.**

The department or its duly authorized agents shall from time to time perform inspections and testing of the premises of a property to determine the level at which it is contaminated with radon gas or radon progeny as a spot-check of the validity of measurements or the adequacy of abatement measures performed by persons certified or credentialed under

[section 136B.1](#). Following testing the department shall provide the owner of the property with a written report of its results including the concentration of radon gas or radon progeny contamination present, an interpretation of the results, and recommendation of appropriate action. A person certified or credentialed under [section 136B.1](#) shall also be advised of the department's results, discrepancies revealed by the spot-check, actions required of the person, and actions the department intends to take with respect to the person's continued certification or credentialing.

[88 Acts, ch 1237, §3](#); [89 Acts, ch 224, §3](#); [2004 Acts, ch 1168, §5](#)

Referred to in [§136B.4](#)

#### **136B.4 Fees — rules.**

1. The department shall establish a fee schedule to defray the costs of the certification and credentialing programs established pursuant to [section 136B.1](#) and the testing conducted and the written reports provided pursuant to [section 136B.3](#).

2. The department shall adopt rules, pursuant to [chapter 17A](#), to implement [this chapter](#).  
[88 Acts, ch 1237, §4](#); [89 Acts, ch 224, §4](#); [2021 Acts, ch 76, §150](#)

#### **136B.5 Penalty for violation.**

A person who violates a provision of [this chapter](#) is guilty of a serious misdemeanor.

[88 Acts, ch 1237, §5](#); [99 Acts, ch 96, §12](#)